

5261. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. * * * v. F. Mansfield & Sons Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 7677. I. S. Nos. 2855-1, 3744-1, 3751-1, 3834-1.)

On December 5, 1916, the United States attorney for the District of Connecticut, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the F. Mansfield & Sons Co., a corporation, New Haven, Conn., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about January 10, 1916, from the State of Connecticut into the State of New York, and on or about December 20, 1915, January 6, 1916, and March 2, 1916, from the State of Connecticut into the State of Massachusetts, of quantities of oysters which were adulterated.

Analysis of a sample of the article in each shipment by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the presence of added water.

Adulteration of the article in each shipment was alleged in the information for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in whole or in part for oysters, which the article purported to be.

On December 12, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

R. A. PEARSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*